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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This application has been reviewed in view of the Office Action mailed August 19, 2008. In the Office Action, a restriction was required to one of the following species of the generic invention as presented in the Office Action:

Species 1: fastener including sub-species:

Sub-species 1.1.: Fig. 1

Sub-species 1.2.: Fig. 13A.

Sub-species 1.3.: Fig. 13B.

Species 2: insertion tool as shown in Fig. 7.

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